

## FACTS IN FEW LINES

Acrostics were invented in the fourth century.

An English agricultural society has a sparrow extermination fund.

On an average over sixty reputed centenarians die each year in England and Wales.

During the last fiscal year 3,117,301, 535 fishes and fish eggs were distributed by the bureau of fisheries.

The eastern states, from Maine to Alabama, produced gold worth \$250,143 and silver worth \$35,070 last year.

The lighthouse of Helgoland has a light of 20,000,000 candle power. At Nuremberg a lamp ten times as powerful has been made.

During the year 1909 the Salvation Army erected or dedicated properties from Boston to Honolulu aggregating in value nearly \$500,000.

Besides Great Britain, the countries which have old age pensions are Denmark, France, Belgium, Germany, New Zealand and Australia.

In 1887 the wheat crop of California was more than three times greater than that of Kansas. Last year the Kansas crop was seven times greater than that of California.

In Ireland, owing to a lack of sunlight and heat, peaches, grapes and tomatoes must be grown and ripened under glass. The prices are consequently almost prohibitory.

There are few large farms in Ireland, there being out of the 600,000 holdings in the entire island as many as 140,000 which do not contain as many as five acres and 150,000 which contain no more than fifteen acres.

The megaphone has been used at some western army posts for the purpose of amplifying the volume of the bugle, where it is desired that the calls shall be heard at a distance greater than the sound will carry under ordinary circumstances.

The shoe business in Great Britain is largely controlled by trusts, one of the chief combinations being known as the Public Benefit company. This trust has stores all over England, one or more in each city and town. Their goods are British made.

Hubert Latham recently took up a moving picture operator on a seven minute trip in his aeroplane to an elevation of eighty feet from the ground. The operator took pictures with the lens pointing downward. The apparatus weighed 200 pounds, and its operator 196.

In Switzerland clocks are now being made which do not require hands and faces. The timepiece merely stands in the hall, and you press a button, when by means of the phonographic internal arrangements, it calls out, "half past 5," or "five minutes to 5," as the case may be.

One of the last of the old postboys or postillions has died at Dartford, Kent, England. He was John Wilson, aged ninety-six, who had ridden before Queen Victoria in the early years of her reign, when she used to visit the country houses of her friends in the old fashioned style, traveling by road.

This advertisement appeared recently in a Bavarian journal: "Man wanted to sweep snow at Friedhof. The post is excellent, but I am compelled to resign because I find that it is getting too much for me, as I already hold the office of town clerk, schoolmaster and organist. No candidates without shovels of their own need apply."

Foreign comment on the Steinhil case so much impressed M. Barthou, the French minister of justice, that he will propose radical changes in the trial courts. He plans to take from the president of the court the duty and privilege of interrogating and confide to the public prosecutor and the counsel for the defense the task of examining the accused and the witnesses.

In half a century the United States department of agriculture has grown from a mere beginning to an institution with over 11,000 employees. Congress supplies it with an annual income for its expenditure in the neighborhood of \$15,000,000, while half as much more is spent by the states in their agricultural experiments, colleges and experiment stations.

A section of the amphitheater in King Arthur's round table field in Monmouthshire, England, has been partially excavated. The Archaeological society has made five excavations around the walls, and the searchers found the main entrance, the sand which formed the bed of the arena and a cornerstone. From inscriptions on the stone they trace the date of the theater back to 110 A. D., or 1800 years.

The Racara (France) glass factory has just produced a new class of glass which, when heated to boiling point and then plunged into water at freezing point, will not break. The principal object was the making of safety lamp tubes superior to those made of the Jena product. The composition of the glass is, says the Revista Minera, roughly 70 per cent bicarbonate of soda, 13 carbonate of manganese, 9 oxide of zinc and 5 oxide of lead.

Massachusetts has taken up the idea of a poor man's credit bank. This is an institution where men of little means can get loans with no security except their personal character. The bank accepts deposits and pays a small rate of interest on them. It is organized in the form of a company, every member of which can get small loans on the indorsement of other members. As the society is very careful in admitting members, there is little likelihood of loss. The scheme has worked well in Germany.

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Hath man no second life? Pish this one high.—Matthew Arnold.

## One Way Out.

Perkins had been appointed tutor to the young lord of the manor, and together they were making the grand tour. Perkins was congratulating himself on the excellent behavior of his pupil; but, alas, they had only reached Geneva when his charge fell deeply in love with a pretty Swiss peasant. In vain did he remonstrate with the young lord, pointing out the social barrier that existed between the lovers and the total impossibility of marriage. But all to no purpose. The beautiful Swiss maiden held the young lord's heart captive, and he would scarcely leave her side.

Distracted, Perkins wrote home to the marchioness asking her advice and pointing out her son's infatuation.

A day or two passed in agonizing suspense.

At last the answer came. Perkins breathed a sigh of relief. All his anxiety would now be over. He tore open the envelope, but as he read the letter he groaned in the anguish of his soul. It consisted of three words: "Marry her yourself."

## Poor Bijou!

During the siege of Paris, Francisque Sarcey indignantly protested against the practice of eating dogs. Hunger, however, knows no law, and canine and feline butcher shops were opened in different parts of Paris. Skillfully prepared, properly skinned and cooked, with a good sauce, the dogs proved excellent eating. Their meat was pink and delicate and by no means tough. Canine cutlets were sold at 2 francs each, and a leg of dog might be purchased at double that price a pound.

Two good bourgeois, husband and wife, had a little dog of which they were very fond. But a day came when there was nothing to eat in the house, and poor Bijou had to be killed and cooked. His master and mistress sat down to dinner with tears in their eyes, and during the dinner the latter mechanically placed the tiny rib bones on the side of her plate. "Poor Bijou!" she ejaculated with a sigh. "What a treat these would have been for him!"

—Frank Schlosser in Contemporary Review.

## A Tearful Eye to Business.

Advertising is nowadays almost a fine art. Clever advertisements attract customers in two ways—first, because they effectually call attention to the goods, and, second, because of their cleverness, pure and simple. Such a one is the following, quoted from London M. A. P., which adorned a boot shop in the Rue d'Amsterdam, in Paris:

## LIQUIDATION.

With tears in my eyes, I am obliged to clear the whole of my stock of boots. To get rid of it all in a week I offer it to you at a loss of 50 per cent.

My husband seeing fit to abandon me with five children.

## WHY

Can't I go on without my husband? Because my husband alone was able to obtain job lines from the big provincial and foreign bootmakers.

Prudent ladies will profit by these extraordinarily low prices, which will enable me to clear out my stock and search for my husband throughout Europe.

MME. MARIE-LOUISE X.

## Nothing to Say.

According to a delightful story of Shelley, recounted in the International Journal of Ethics by the Rev. Bradley Gilman, the splendid mental equipment of the poet did not include humor. In his characteristically impassioned way, Shelley was deeply interested in the problem of immortality. One day he met a nursemaid wheeling a very young child in a perambulator. "Here is a little soul," he reflected, "recently come to earth out of the great unknown preceding human life. Perhaps he can tell me something about the great unknown after human life. The two realms may be one and the same."

He accosted the infant twice, but of course gained no response, only a blank infantile stare.

"Alas, alas!" sighed Shelley. "How very reticent these little creatures are!"

## Rubber and Gutta Percha.

There are important distinctions between India rubber and gutta percha, and in the majority of purposes for which they are employed one cannot replace the other. While the trees yielding India rubber are well distributed over the tropical parts of the world and may be cultivated with more or less facility, the tree which furnishes gutta percha is to be found only in Borneo, Sumatra and the Malay archipelago generally.

## Something For Nothing.

Wise Old Uncle—Remember, Tommy, as you go through this world that you can't get something for nothing. Precocious Nephew—Oh, yes, you can, uncle! When I don't eat nothing I get an awful pain in my stomach.—Chicago Tribune.

## Undecided.

The dealer was busy filling bottles from a hoghead of wine. "What kind of wine is that?" queried an innocent bystander.

"Don't know," answered the dealer. "I haven't labeled it yet."—Argonaut.

## Hard Job.

Matrimonial Agent—Really, when I see those two whom I am going to introduce to each other I don't know to which I shall break it gently.—Fiegender Blattler.

## The First Spat.

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## CANCER RESEARCH.

President Taft's Recommendation May Lead to Bureau of Health.

President Taft has adopted the somewhat unusual course of recommending to the congress a special appropriation for the prosecution of scientific study of cancer in fishes, his purpose of course, being to increase our knowledge of the disease as it is found in man, in the hope of finding the means of combating its spread and of alleviating human suffering. The contemplated appropriation, if it shall be granted, would be a most efficient aid in the work of research that is already in progress, as the work proposed by the President is limited to one particular line of investigation—a line for which the government is already peculiarly equipped. There are already in existence official agencies the cooperation of which could be secured through the authority of the President, the bureau of fisheries being in particular in a position to give invaluable assistance to the laboratory experts whose service it is proposed to enlist.

There is an intimation, however, in the President's message which should get more attention from the congress than it is likely to receive at this session. That is contained in his reminder of his previous recommendation of the necessity of a bureau of public health to which all such questions as this of cancer research could be referred. A great deal of good work is already being done by the bureau of public health and marine-hospital service, attached to the treasury department, but the scope of that bureau could be widened and its responsibilities increased with great benefit to the nation. A vast amount of research is already under way in connection with the cancer scourge, the growing gravity of which is beginning to penetrate the consciousness of the general public, and the cooperation and guidance of the government in the possible unification of effort and the prevention of wasted energy would be an incalculable gain to science. This is what is desired by the President, his specific suggestion at this time being merely incidental to the larger purpose.

It is to be noticed that the President speaks of a "bureau" of public health, whereas there is in progress an active propaganda in support of Senator Owen's bill for the creation of a new department, the head of which shall have a seat in the cabinet. There may have been no deliberate intention in this phraseology, but whether the desired agency for the conservation of the health of the people shall be known by one name or another, whether it shall rank as a bureau or a separate department, it is demanded to fill a real need, and the President's cancer research message should hasten action along the general lines which he has indicated. —Philadelphia Public Ledger.

Cook With Gas.

## WORDS, WORDS, WORDS.

One Hundred Thousand New Definitions Added to Century Dictionary. The addition to the Century Dictionary of two new volumes of definitions, made necessary to bring the work up to date, gives evidence of the wonderful expansion of the English language within a quarter of a century.

The claim was made for the original Century that it increased the number of words and phrases defined by upward of 120,000. This is as many words as there are all together in the standard dictionary of the Spanish language. The new volumes are expected to add 100,000 more definitions, but including phrases, proper names, colloquialisms, &c., which



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once were denied regular admission to a dictionary. But the point of interest is the growth from the 70,000 words of the first Webster in 1828. The "Unabridged" of 1864 contained 117,000, the international of about 117,000, and the present edition of 1910 has more than 400,000. The new Standard had 425,000, and the Oxford, still in course of publication, promises to have 450,000.

But with all allowance for the inclusion of technical terms, slang, characters from fiction and the drama, and proper names, it is yet true, as the Century editors say, that since its original publication "a new vocabulary has arisen," reflecting and recording the progress of a quarter of a century "more productive of new knowledge than any other period of the same length in the history of the language."

In that time the automobile has come in with its garage, tonneau, limousines, and spark-plugs. Aeronautics has contributed its share, bridge its dialect, and golf, through its domestication in this country, has claimed greater attention from the lexicographer. It is gratifying to note the presence on the editorial staff of the new Webster of a distinguished golf champion and of a specialist in Palladium terms, employed to define the words introduced into the vocabulary through our policy of imperialism.

Chemistry has been fruitful, of new terms, medical science of new drugs and diseases. Bacteriology has added whole families of new bacilli. Anthropology, psychology, zoology, have contributed. The great faunal naturalist, Iwan Tumbo, has been a large contributor of diddiks and such. The stage has furnished the show girl, fashion the picture hat, &c., Japan bazaar, Cuba the reconcentrado, wireless telegraphy its quota.

A feature of the new lexicography is the frank acceptance of slang words. "Knocker," "rubber," "rubber-neck," "fan," and "bustler" are among the expressions of the street which find a place in the new dictionaries. Why not? They are a part of the popular vocabulary, and all "live" lexicographers may be supposed to appreciate their usefulness in swelling the sum total of words in the latest dictionaries.—New York World.

## No Seat, No Fare.

Mayor Madden today affixed his signature to the "no-seat-no-fare" ordinance, affecting trolley cars, immediately upon its presentation to him. Because of an extraordinary amount of work in connection with the minutes of the last meeting of common council, in which the ordinance was passed, City Clerk Salter said he was unable to have the measure ready for approval earlier than today.

The mayor looked at the ordinance only long enough to assure himself, apparently, of its genuineness, and then turned to his desk and wrote his name at the bottom of the single typewritten page that contained the provisions soon to become effective.

Following the official advertisement of the ordinance for five days, as authorized by law, the "no-seat-no-fare" regulation will go into effect.—New York Press.

Fireman's Bazaar, April 29 to May 7.

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